


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
No. 5:16-CR-256-D  
No. 5:20-CV-648-D

RON CHRISTOPHER WHITLEY, )  
 )  
 Petitioner, )  
 )  
 v. )  
 )  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
 )  
 Respondent. )

**ORDER**

Having examined petitioner's motion pursuant to Rule 4(b) of the Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, the United States Attorney is DIRECTED to file an Answer pursuant to Rule 5, Rules Governing § 2255 Proceedings, or to make such other response as appropriate to the above-captioned § 2255 Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence, within **forty (40)** days of the filing of this order.

SO ORDERED. This 22 day of December 2020.

  
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JAMES C. DEVER III  
United States District Judge